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SUBJECT: US-POLISH WORKING GROUP ON AGRICULTURAL TRADE: MAY, 1975,
MEETING

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1. IN MEETIN MARCH 6 ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, MINISTER
OF AGRICULTURE BARCIKOWSKI BROUGHT UP MEETING OF THE
US-POLISH WORKING GROUP ON AGRICULTURAL TRADE. HE
SAID THAT UNDERSECRETARY MAZURKIEWICZ WOULD HEAD
POLISH DELEGATION AND INDICATED THAT POLES EXPECT
HEAD OF US SIDE TO BE OF COMPARABLE STATURE.

2. BARCIKOWSKI OFFERED TO ARRANGE FOR MEMBERS OF THE
US DELEGATION TO SEE EXAMPLES OF POLISH AGRICULTURE
WHILE THEY ARE HERE. IF THIS IS NOT YET INCLUDED IN
OUR PLANS, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO INCLUDE
IT.

3. IN MY VIEW, THE ACTIVITIES OF THE US-POLISH
WORKING GROUP ON AGRICULTURAL TRADE WILL BE VERY
IMPORTANT IN CREATING EVEN CLOSER AND MORE
COOPERATIVE TIES BETWEEN THE US AND POLAND IN A
FIELD IN WHICH THE POLES HAVE BEEN ONE OF OUR BEST
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AND MOST CONSISTENT CUSTOMERS IN THIS PART OF THE

WORLD. BEYOND THAT, THE CREATION OF THIS BODY
OFFERS US AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE
SOVIETS -- WITHOUT EXPLICITLY SAYING TO
ANYONE THAT WE ARE DOING SO -- HOW
ADVANTAGEOUS AN HONEST EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION IN
THIS FIELD CAN BE TO BOTH SIDES, EVEN WHEN ONE OF THEM
IS A "SOCIALIST" STATE.

4. RECOMMENDATION: I THEREFORE STRONGLY RECOMMEND
THAT YOU, AS U.S. CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP, ATTEND
THIS FIRST MEETING, WHICH WILL UNDOUBTEDLY CHART
THE COURSE OF THE WORKING GROUP'S FUTURE ACTIVITIES.
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